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Subject: Dominican Province of Monsenor de
Merino abolished and the Province of
Trujillo Valdez created.

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The Honorable
The Sec. of State
Wash., D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the Dominican Congress has promulgated a law effective Jan. 1, 1945 abolishing the Dominican Province of Monseñor de Meriño and creating the Province of Trujillo Valdez, in honor to President Trujillo's father, a native of Bani. The communes of Monte Plata, Yamasá, Bayaguana, Guerra and La Victoria, of the former Province of Monseñor de Meriño, will be reincorporated into the Province of Trujillo (not to be confused with Trujillo Veldez). The new Province of Trujillo Valdez is comprised of the communes of Bani and San Jose de Ocoa which heretofore formed part of the Provinces of Trujillo and Azua respectively. Bani will be the capital of the new Province and has been raised from the status of a village to a city.

The reason given for abolishing the Province of Monseñor de Meriño was that its citizens had not shown the initiative and enterprise which the State had expected when the Province was created in 1938.

The provincial divisions of the Dominican Republic as of Jan. 1, 1945 will consist of the following Provinces including the District of Santo Domingo:

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| 1. Distrito de Santo Domingo | 11. Monte Cristi |
| 2. Azua | 12. Puerto Plata |
| 3. Barahona | 13. Samana |
| 4. Bahoruco | 14. San Pedro de Macoris |
| 5. Benefactor | 15. San Rafael |
| 6. Duarte | 16. Santiago |
| 7. Espaillat | 17. Seybo |
| 8. La Altagracia | 18. Trujillo |
| 9. La Vega | 19. Trujillo Valdez |
| 10. Libertador | |

Respectfully yours,
Harry C. Reed
Third Sec. of Embassy